

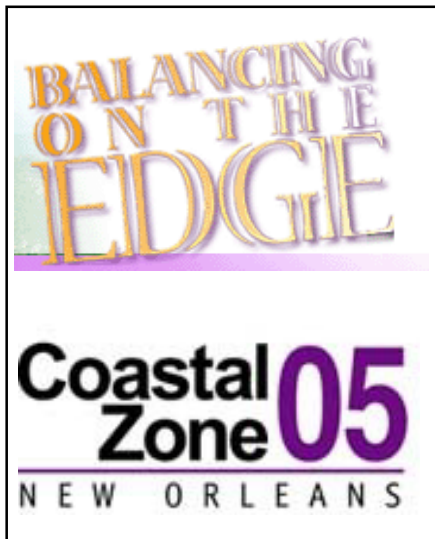


Louisiana Coastlines

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

FALL 2004

Coastal Zone '05 slated for New Orleans



Mark your calendar to attend the most respected and premier international symposium on coastal and ocean management July 18-21, 2005 in New Orleans.

Coastal Zone '05 will bring the world's coastal resource managers together under one roof. It has been held every other year in locations throughout the U.S. since 1979. With the theme of "Balancing on The Edge," this year's conference series focuses on balancing the issues and in-

terests of land and sea. With over 1,000 participants expected from all over the world, this conference promises to provide valuable tools, lessons learned, and new ideas to help address a wide-range of coastal management issues.

Conference co-chairs along with Department of Natural Resources Secretary Scott Angelle are Carlton Dufrechou, Executive Director, Lake Pontchartrain Basin Foundation;

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Voice of the Wetlands

New festival in Houma highlights coastal erosion

A first time event called the *Voice of the Wetlands* (VOW) festival was organized in Houma, LA this October by local blues musician, Tab Benoit. He and fellow organizers planned a blend of food, music, and arts and crafts rolled into a church-fair-type setting all in the name of coastal restoration awareness. And while the party was well-planned, the weather was another matter. The inclement weather that dampened the celebration was Tropical Storm Matthew.

VOW coordinators would not allow less-than-beautiful skies to stop the show—instead they brought the event indoors and a great time was still had. Tab Benoit music fans wouldn't miss a chance to be there. Joining Benoit in performing for the festival were 16 other bands including the Hurricane Levee Band.

Conservation entities including DNR, BTNEP and Ducks Unlimited contributed information and

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Dr. William Walker, Director of Mississippi Department of Marine Resources; and Dr. Richard Spinrad, NOAA Assistant Administrator for Ocean Services and Coastal Zone Management. DNR is also represented on the Coastal Zone 05 Conference Committee by Dr. Terry Howey, Coastal Resources Administrator.

DNR staff attended the last Coastal Zone Conference in Baltimore, Maryland along with the America's WETLAND Exhibit in 2003. There's still time for organizations to be one of many exhibitors at Coastal Zone 05. For more information on exhibiting at the conference, contact:

Lynn Sellers
Charleston Events, LLC.
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Telephone: (843) 740-1284

The New Orleans Marriott will be the host hotel for the conference as well as the site for the conference and all associated educational activities.

For hotel reservations, contact:

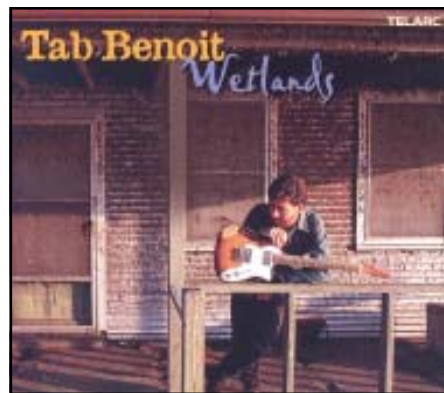
The New Orleans Marriott
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www.neworleansmarriott.com/home.php

Watch the Coastal Zone 05 Web site (www.csc.noaa.gov/cz/) for more information.

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written materials as part of the awareness component of the event.

In 2002, Benoit produced a CD with bass player Carl Dufrene and drummer Darryl White plus vocal artists Anders Osborne and Brain Stoltz entitled, *Tab Benoit Wetlands*. He believes strongly in the message that losing coastal land in Louisiana means losing a precious and valuable culture and heritage. He is committed to the state's effort in seeking funding and solutions to coastal erosion and land loss and says he plans to do even more for the cause.



A Salute to Sherrill Sagrera (A Coastal Crusader)



Sherrill Sagrera serves on the Vermilion Parish Coastal Advisory Committee and is one of the state's leading advocates in the fight to bring awareness of our coastal issues and challenges into our communities as well as beyond our borders. Sherrill was possibly the very first volunteer to embrace the America's WETLAND campaign and to actually

bring literature and materials into the schools of his community. He is now working with science teachers in Vermilion parish to provide them with supplies that the America's WETLAND campaign has to offer including workbooks and videos. He is seen here visiting and collecting information packets at the DNR Public Information Office in November 2004.



Educational Outreach Photo Gallery



"A Place Called America's WETLAND"

On October 21, Shell Oil Company sponsored a dinner welcoming national leaders to America's WETLAND during the kick-off week of APCAW. Governor Blanco, Col. Peter Rowan, and R. King Milling were in attendance. Pictured here with the Estuarians are DNR Secretary Scott Angelle, Governor's Office of Coastal Activities Executive Assistant to the Governor Sidney Coffee and Program Coordinator Cynthia Duet.



Restore America's Estuaries

In September, RAE sponsored the 2nd National Conference on Coastal & Estuarine Habitat Restoration in Seattle, WA. Participants from all over the world gathered to learn and explore the many areas of coastal restoration. DNR played an active role in the conference as well as exhibiting with the "Choose Louisiana" display to promote the upcoming conference in New Orleans in 2006.



LSTA 2004

The 2004 Louisiana Science Teachers Association Convention was held on October 28-30 in Lafayette. Mr. Bill was joined by his creator, Walter Williams, who served as the keynote speaker. The conference for highly qualified teachers of science was geared to enhancing their knowledge and understanding on a wide variety of science topics.

Ocean Commotion

The America's WETLAND Estuarians and Mr. Bill joined more than 3,500 students on November 4 for Ocean Commotion 2004. Hosted by the LA Sea Grant College Program and LSU, Ocean Commotion educates students on the valuable resources of the sea and LA's coast.



Pierre the Pelican



Mossy, Reed, Murky, Delta, Pierre, Captain Eddy, Mr. Bill, and a volunteer



Delta the Dolphin & Murky the Mudcat



DNR Coastal Scientist Learn from Field Experience

By: Kimberly Arcement, Coastal Resources Scientist

Several Coastal Resource Scientists from the Coastal Management Division recently attended a wetlands workshop sponsored by the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, NASA Regional Application Center, and the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) National Wetlands Research Center. The "Introduction to Wetland Remote Sensing & Mapping," was facilitated by Pat O'Neil with the USGS. His 3-day course emphasized the use of aerial photography in accessing and

mapping wetland vegetation from species level to broad-level classification of wetland types.

Wetland photo-interpretation combined with a skillful eye can be a resourceful tool in assessing impacts to coastal resources without having to conduct a field investigation for every minor activity proposed in the coastal zone. To reinforce the photo-interpretation process and to apply it in the field, the class visited a forested wetland and a marsh site. Other class participants included biologists from the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, a riverine specialist from NASA, and a permitting agent.



USGS instructor Pat O'Neil and class at a forested wetland site between the Vermilion River and Bayou Teche.

ICMA Workshop on Improving Water Resources

International City/County Management Association (ICMA) promotes excellence in local government through professional management. Local government officials and representatives of community watershed and other nonprofit organizations are invited to attend Collaborative Decision Making for Improved Water Resources, December 9-7, 2004 at the University of New Orleans Downtown Center in New Orleans, LA. The workshop will focus on consensus building and collaborative problem-solving techniques.

This workshop addresses practice groups 8 and 13 of the ICMA Practices for Effective Local Government Management and is part of the ICMA University.

Location and Registration Information:

The University of New Orleans Downtown Center
226 Carondelet, Room 212
New Orleans, LA

The cost of the workshop is \$15 per person. For more information and to register visit www.lgean.org/html/training/index.cfm?id=29 or call toll-free at (877)865-4326.



Underwater Obstructions Notice and Coordinates

In accordance with the provisions of R.S. 56:700.1 et. seq., notice is given that 17 claims in the amount of \$56,847.12 were received for payment during the period August 1, 2004 - October 31, 2004.

Latitude/Longitude Coordinates of reported underwater obstructions are:

29 41.710	89 46.952	PLAQUEMINES
29 42.178	89 51.241	PLAQUEMINES
29 43.418	89 38.089	ST BERNARD
29 44.190	89 50.741	PLAQUEMINES
29 47.554	89 32.789	ST BERNARD
29 47.978	89 41.402	ST BERNARD
29 48.993	89 38.970	ST BERNARD
29 50.201	89 24.919	ST BERNARD
29 90.132	89 53.809	PLAQUEMINES

29 09.270	90 05.940	JEFFERSON
29 12.080	90 01.290	JEFFERSON
29 15.090	89 37.794	PLAQUEMINES
29 15.326	89 59.576	JEFFERSON
29 22.171	89 57.094	JEFFERSON
29 23.720	89 53.810	JEFFERSON
29 38.286	89 37.565	PLAQUEMINES
29 40.380	91 54.790	VERMILION

There were 17 claims paid and 0 claims denied.

A list of claimants and amounts paid can be obtained from Verlie Wims, Administrator, Fishermen's Gear Compensation Fund, P.O. Box 44277, Baton Rouge, LA 70804 or you can call 225-342-0122.

"Protect the Purchase" Exhibit Touring LA State Parks

Louisiana State Parks sites will host the "Protect the Purchase" exhibit until April 2005, in cooperation with the Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection and Restoration Act (CWPPRA) Task Force and the USGS National Wetlands Research Center. The exhibit was created during the Louisiana Purchase Bicentennial celebration by CWPPRA, to call attention to the disappearing coastline of the state. The Louisiana State Parks system invites you to come by and visit the exhibit when it is in your area.

The "Protect the Purchase" exhibit illustrates the economical, environmental, and cultural importance of coastal Louisiana to the nation. Causes of land loss, restoration efforts through CWPPRA, and the future of restoration are also featured in the exhibit. The exhibit will be visiting the following Louisiana State Parks sites during the following dates:

Oct 29-Nov 11	Chicot State Park, Ville Platte
Nov 12-25	Louisiana State Arboretum State Preservation Area, Ville Platte
Nov 26-Dec 9	Sam Houston Jones State Park, Lake Charles
Dec 10-30	Longfellow-Evangeline State Historic Site, St. Martinville
Dec 31-Jan 13	Lake Fausse Pointe State Park, St. Martinville
Jan 14-27	Plaquemine Lock State Historic Site, Plaquemine
Jan 28-Feb 3	Port Hudson State Historic Site, Zachary
Feb 4-10	Audubon State Historic Site, St. Francisville
Feb 11-17	Rosedown Plantation State Historic Site, St. Francisville
Feb 18-24	Centenary State Historic Site, Jackson
Feb 25-Mar 3	Tickfaw State Park, Springfield
Mar 4-10	Fairview-Riverside State Park, Madisonville
Mar 11-17	Bayou Segnette State Park, Westwego
Mar 18-24	St. Bernard State Park, St. Bernard
Mar 25-31	Fort Pike State Park, New Orleans
Apr 1-30	Fontainebleau State Park, Mandeville

For additional information on Louisiana State Parks and the "Protect the Purchase" exhibit tour contact Sharon Broussard at 225-219-4271.



Know Your Coastal Zone Manager

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Office Hours: 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

1. Why do you like your job?

My job can be overwhelming at times, but I guess I like my job most because every now and then I can help someone, who otherwise would not pursue a particular project or would possibly get into trouble by not following permit regulations. I also enjoy going into the field, which usually allows me to go into the marsh and get out of the office.

2. What is your favorite pastime?

I am a Cameron Parish native and I enjoy fishing and hunting. I try to keep my freezer stocked with fish, crab, shrimp and ducks. I also enjoy cooking for a crowd. Many of you have probably tasted my gumbo at one of our meetings.

3. Do you have any words of wisdom for our younger generation?

My advice to the younger generation is to understand how our marshes work and why they are so important. I find that many of the locals do not understand, if we lose our marsh, we lose our fisheries and waterfowl. Our marsh estuaries cannot be productive with high concentrations of saltwater for long periods of time. Once those marsh grasses are gone, the fish and waterfowl have nothing to feed on.

I hope the Coastal Parishes can sustain their productive marshes and that the Nation can finally see how important the Coastal Parishes of Louisiana really are.



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